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Applicants: Helmut L. Kayan et al.

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2008 in connection with the above-referenced application, please consider the following remarks.